

**FORM I:
Application for
Postulancy**

Full Name of Nominee: _____

[Include any other names you have used or have been known by]:

[If you go by a preferred name please give it here]:

Length of time in the Diocese of Vermont: _____

Sponsoring congregation/ faith community: _____

Date of Baptism: (MM/DD/YYYY) _____

Date of Confirmation/Reception into the Episcopal Church:
(MM/DD/YYYY) _____

PREVIOUS APPLICATION

Have you ever applied for Postulancy, in this diocese or another diocese?

Yes No

If yes, explain circumstances and outcome:

PREVIOUS NOMINATION

Have you ever been nominated for ordination to the priesthood in another diocese?

Yes No

If yes, explain circumstances and outcome:

DEGREES AWARDED

Please list the levels of post-secondary education you have attained.

In the list please provide their name, location, degrees/certificates awarded, and years attended.

[You will need to submit transcripts from these institutions as part of your postulancy packet]

ADDITIONAL FORMS/DOCUMENTS

Please attach to this form the following:

- Spiritual autobiography of approximately 1000 words and an accompanying statement of the nominee’s experience and understanding of ministry
- Resume/curriculum vitae (CV) of no more than three pages
- Transcripts from all post-secondary educational institutions
- Evidence of sexual misconduct prevention training within five years
- Evidence of anti-racism training within five years
- Evidence of Baptism
- Confirmation/Reception into the Episcopal Church

[If you do not have accessible documentation that gives evidence of your Baptism and Confirmation/Reception, further guidance is available by the Committee on Ministry]

CLERGY SUPPORT

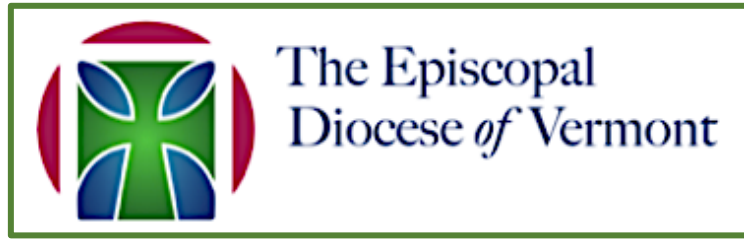
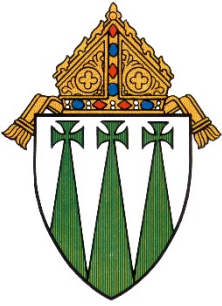
The Member of the Clergy should send, under separate cover, Forms II and III, accompanied by their recommendation, and the confidential report to them from the parish discernment committee.

SIGNATURE

Please consider this request for admission to Postulancy.

Signature_____

Date_____



**FORM II:
Letter of
Support**

Full Name of Nominee: _____

Sponsoring congregation/faith community: _____

Dear Bishop MacVean-Brown:

We, the undersigned, communicants of _____ in the town of _____ pledge our support of the aforementioned person who is hereby nominated for Postulancy for Priesthood. Furthermore, we pledge our commitment to continue our discernment ministry with this Nominee, and we will endeavor to involve our entire faith community in our responsibility to help this person prepare for ordination.

[The letter must be signed and dated by a two-thirds majority of the vestry of the parish and signed and dated by the Member of the Clergy exercising oversight. If the discernment community is not a parish, the letter must be signed by a two-thirds majority of an equivalent governing body and the community's leader or executive.]

(Clergy)

(Vestry/ Governing Body):

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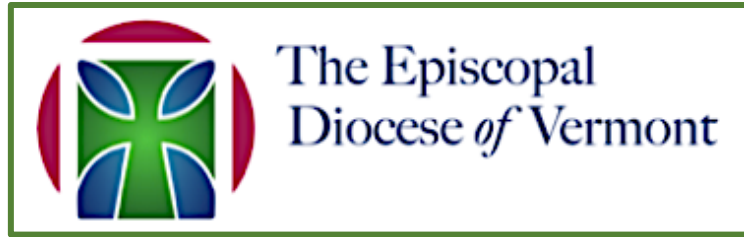
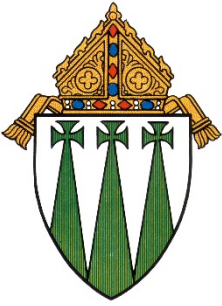
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The Episcopal
Diocese of Vermont

**FORM III:
Certification of
the Nominee's
Parish
Discernment
Process**

Full Name of Nominee: _____

Sponsoring congregation/faith community: _____

CLERGY SIGNATURE

Please certify that, following the procedure outlined in the Handbook for Priesthood, you have:

- Met with the nominee for no fewer than six months and five meeting sessions before forming a Parish Discernment Committee; and
- Forwarded to the Bishop's Office your confidential recommendation as well as the confidential recommendation and report of the Parish Discernment Committee of the nominee.

Pastor _____

Signature _____

Date _____

PARISH DISCERNMENT COMMITTEE (PDC) SIGNATURE

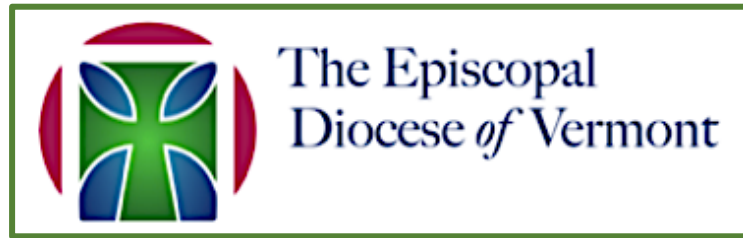
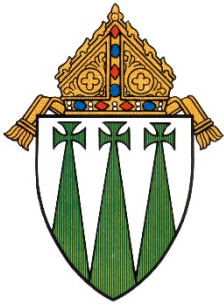
Please certify that, following the procedure in the Handbook for Priesthood, the Parish Discernment Committee:

- Has met with the nominee for no fewer than six months and five meeting sessions; and
- Sessions have covered all the topics outlined in the Handbook for Priesthood's "Qualities and Requirement for Ordained Ministry;" and
- Has submitted a written report to the Pastor and the Vestry of the nominee's sponsoring congregation/faith community.

PDC Chair _____

Signature _____

Date _____



**FORM IV:
Application for
Candidacy**

Full Name of Postulant: _____

Date of Postulancy: _____

ADDITIONAL FORMS/DOCUMENTS

Please attach to this form the following:

- Reflection paper (two copies) of no more than 500 words in which Postulant reflects on their readiness to apply for Candidacy
- Transcripts: Records of all academic courses and grades received from the seminary or other program approved by the Bishop and the Committee on Ministry.
- Final written CPE evaluations by Postulant and CPE supervisor
- Any other reports, records or evaluations requested by the Bishop or the Committee on Ministry

PARISH SUPPORT

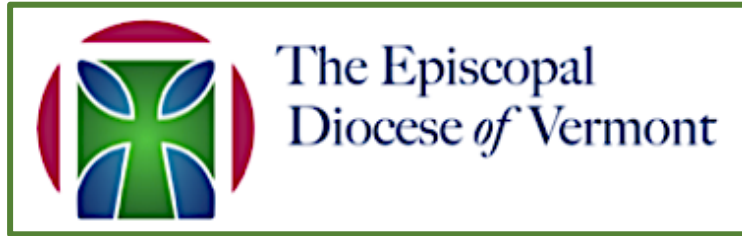
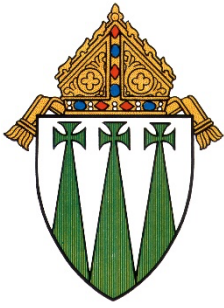
The Member of the Clergy should send, under separate cover, two copies of Form V on behalf of the sponsoring parish directly to the Bishop's office.

SIGNATURE

Please consider this request for admission to Candidacy.

Signature _____

Date _____



**FORM V:
Letter of Support
from Parish**

Full Name of Postulant: _____

Sponsoring congregation/parish/faith community:

Dear Bishop MacVean-Brown:

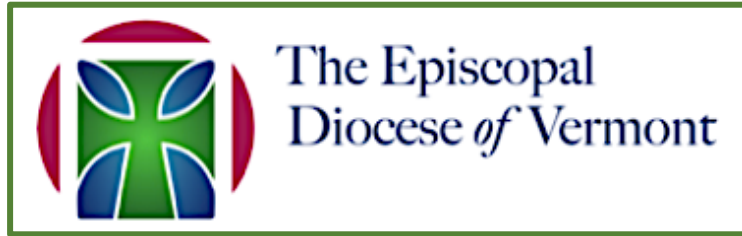
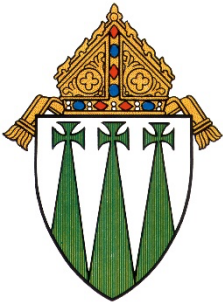
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(Clergy)

(Vestry/ Governing Body):



**FORM VI:
Letter from the
Committee on
Ministry**

This form is submitted by the Chairperson of the Committee on Ministry to the Bishop's Office.

Full Name of Postulant: _____

Dear Bishop MacVean-Brown:

It is our privilege to recommend this Postulant be admitted to Candidacy.

[In this space please attest to the continuing formation of this person and any other information that would be helpful to the Bishop regarding this person's process or engagement with the COM.]

Committee on Ministry Chair _____

Signature _____

Date _____